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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 ~~RAMON CORTES LOPEZ,~~  
14 ~~TRINIDAD PENA HUERTA~~

15 Defendant.

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ0356

08 CR 473-JLS  
**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT  
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF  
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND  
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

16 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES  
17 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Jeffrey D.  
18 Moore, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant ~~RAMON CORTES LOPEZ,~~ by and through  
19 and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Joseph M. McMullen, that:  
~~TRINIDAD PENA HUERTA~~

20 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing  
21 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,  
22 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead  
23 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count  
24 of Inducing and Encouraging Illegal Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.  
25 § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv) and (v)(II).

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1           2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4           3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before **March 10, 2008**

6           4. The material witnesses, Paula Gallegos-Martinez and Araceli Soto-Diaz, in this case:

7           a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

8           b. Were induced or encouraged by defendant to enter the United States in  
9 violation of the law on or about February 6, 2008;

10           c. Were found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port  
11 of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that they were an  
12 aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

13           d. Were paying \$1,500-\$2,000 to others to be brought into the United States  
14 illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein; and,

15           e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
16 Security for return to their country of origin.

17           5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
18 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
19 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,  
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21           a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
22 substantive evidence;

23           b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony  
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest  
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

27           c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),

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1 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
2 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant  
3 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

4 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
5 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
6 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
7 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

8 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
9 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
10 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

11 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

12 Respectfully submitted,

13 KAREN P. HEWITT  
14 United States Attorney

15 Dated: 2/21/08.

16 JEFFREY D. MOORE  
17 Assistant United States Attorney

18 Dated: 2/21/08.

19 JOSEPH M. MCMULLEN  
20 Defense Counsel for Ramon Cortes-Lopez

21 Dated: 2/21/08.

22 ~~RAMON CORTES-LOPEZ~~  
23 Defendant TRINIDAD PENA HURTIA

**ORDER**

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

**THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 2/21/2008.

  
United States Magistrate Judge